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School Committee Minutes 10-23-2001

Arlington School Committee Meeting
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 23, 2001
7:30 PM

Present: Joani LaMachia, Chair
David McKenna, Vice Chair
Denis Sullivan, Secretary
Barbara Goodman

Suzanne Owayda
Paul Schlichtman
Martin Thrope

Supt. Kay Donovan
CFO David Kale
Asst. Supt. Joanne Gurry
Dir. Sp. Ed. Marilyn Bisbicos

School Committee/School Council Joint System-wide Goal Setting Workshop

Chair Joani LaMachia in her welcoming remarks emphasized the importance of completing the process of goal setting adding that all involved want the same thing "what we deem the highest values for our children and our school system". The Arlington School Committee and School Councils from each of the nine schools met to work on developing system wide goals. Each school council along with the School Committee and the Central Administration presented and discussed the 3-4 goals that they voted on prior to this meeting.

Supt. Donovan will appoint a subcommittee comprised of teachers, parents, principals, school committee members and central administration. The subcommittee will analyze the goals for their budget feasibility, value, available resources and other criteria. Mrs. Donovan asked anyone interested in serving on the subcommittee sign up on the sheet provided. The subcommittee will be chosen by October 31st, will meet throughout November and report back to the School Committee at the end of November.

Supt. Donovan asked for volunteers to serve on the subcommittee that will meet during the month of November to review, consolidate, and develop a final list of goals to be approved

MASC Resolutions

Ms. LaMachia explained that School Committees needed to vote the resolutions for the MASC Annual Delegate Meeting next week. Ms. Goodman will attend as the ASC delegate with Mr. Schlichtman as the alternate delegate in her absence.

On a motion by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. McKenna it was unanimously Voted to authorize the ASC delegate to vote in favor Resolution #1 School Building Assistance and Resolution #2 Chapter 70 funding.

On a motion by Mr. Schlichtman and seconded by Mr. Sullivan it was unanimously Voted that the ASC delegate list to the debate relative to Resolution #3 School Transportation and vote in the best interest of our community.

On a motion by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Thrope it was unanimously Voted that the ASC delegate vote in favor of Resolution #4 MCAS Testing.

On a motion by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Thrope it was unanimously Voted that the ASC delegate endorse Resolution #5 Recognizing Vocational Technical Learning in Education Assessment.

On a motion by Mr. Thrope and seconded by Mr. Sullivan it was unanimously Voted that the ASC delegate vote in favor of Resolution #6 Representation on the State Board of Education.

On a motion by Mr. Thrope and seconded by Mr. Sullivan it was unanimously
Voted that ASC delegate endorse Resolution #7 Local School Board Control.

On a motion by Mr. Schlichtman and seconded by Mr. Thrope it was unanimously
Voted to support proposed by-law amendment #1 "The MASC revision of dues formula effective July 1, 2001".

On a motion by Mr. Schlichtman and seconded by Mr. Thrope it was unanimously
Voted to support the proposed by-law amendment #2 "Creation of Division IX".

Field Trip

Supt. Donovan announced the AHS ski club is requesting permission for a ski weekend in Maine; Mr. Woodcock is not recommending approval at this time. Mr. Schlichtman pointed out that if this trip received approval last year it should also receive it this year, that the schools must go about their normal business. Committee Members did not want to undermine Mr. Woodcocks recommendation but believed that pending any extenuating circumstances the ski club should be allowed to go.

On a motion by Mr. Schlichtman and seconded by Mr. Sullivan it was unanimously
Voted to approve the AHS ski club field trip with the provision that the Superintendent may withdraw authorization in case of an emergency.

On a motion by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. McKenna it was
Voted to enter executive session for a personnel issue with no further business to be conducted upon return to open session.
Roll Call: Unanimous

Executive Session 9:30 9:40

On a motion by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mr. Sullivan it was unanimously
Voted to adjourn at 9:40 PM.

Submitted by,
Karen Tassone
Committee Secretary